

MONTANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION

Park Plaza Hotel, Helena, Montana

January 9, 2009

Meeting Agenda

(All Times Approximate)

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| 8:00 a.m. | Call to Order – Tara Veazey, Chair |
| 8:00 – 8:10 a.m. | Approval of Minutes of October 10, 2008 meeting (* Action Item) |
| 8:10 – 8:15 a.m. | Introduction of New Members/Committee Assignments |
| 8:15 – 8:30 a.m. | Concurrent Committee Meetings: Standards and Contracts Process |
| 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. | Committee Meeting: Budget |
| 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. | Committee Meeting: Legislative |
| 10:15 – 11:00 a.m. | Committee Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Budget, Contracts Process, Standards, and Legislative |
| 11:00 – 12:00 p.m. | Public Defender Program Report |
| 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. | Public Comment |
| 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00 – 1:15 p.m. | Appellate Defender Program Report |
| 1:15 – 1:30 p.m. | Commission General Discussion |
| 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. | Commission Training (John Moore, Director, Professional Development Center) <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Individual Liability (Personnel Issues and Process)
A look at court precedent and statutory protections regarding liability of public officers and employees.○ Privacy and the Right to Know (Open vs. Closed Meetings)
What does the Public Participation Act say? When can the commission close a meeting? What process needs to be in place to close a meeting?○ Communications (Dealing with Public Issues)
What level of communication is open to the public? What are records and documents? How does e-mail fit into the picture? |
| 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. | Public Comment |
| 4:00 – 4:15 p.m. | Old Business/New Business (* Action Items) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Meeting Dates |
| 4:15 p.m. | Adjourn |